

great deal of time in Durham County
 About this time,
 too, plans for a change of residence took
 active shape.

In 1926 Mrs Webb published that
 remarkable auto-
 biographic volume, *My Apprenticeship*, which
 suddenly
 revolutionised the ideas of the younger
 generation about her,
 about him, and about what they were "really
 like", and
 made vivid to those who had not thought about
 it before,
 how great a sacrifice both of them were
 making in the
 separation involved in his membership of the
 House On
 her, that sacrifice was telling She was
 beginning to weary
 of London, in the changed and discoloured
 form in which
 London now presented itself to her, and to
 hanker after
 the country, in which so much of her youth had
 been spent
 Several years earlier, they had begun the
 search for a
 country home—one that should be really in
 the country,
 and, at the same time, not so far from London
 as to cut
 them off from their friends and their interests
 there They
 knew what they wanted They described
 what they
 required, and invited offers Offers—mostly of
 course,
 quite unsuitable—poured in Whenever they
 sounded at all
 possible, they were patiently investigated by
 her At last,
 the right thing—or what could be made into
 the right thing
 —turned up a cottage, in the midst of farm
 land, on the
 borders of Hampshire and Surrey Liphook is
 the station,
 so they get good trams, but the tiny village of
 Passfield,
 which gave them the name, Passfield Corner, for
 their house,
 is off any beaten track, and on the edge of a

vast stretch of
common and woodland It is Crown land, and
therefore
inalienably safe, the War Office uses part of the
great extent
of open territory for tank and shooting
practice, while the
Webbs use it for walks
They modernised and extended, building on
studies,
guest-rooms and sun-terraces, thither about
1928, they
finally transferred themselves, their books
and their
possessions generally They acquired a dog—
a long, low